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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what percentage of the fees ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I think he gets about Rs. 500 per month."

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" Sir, arising out of the second part of the answer to clauses (a) and (b), will the Government be good enough to appoint a special controlling officer of bus traffic in the city in view of the special conditions referred to therein ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The question of controlling the motor traffic further is under the consideration of Government."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what the collections are per month ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Notice."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" It is said that the fees collected do not justify the appointment of a full-time inspector. May I know whether by justification is meant that the collection should be such as to meet the whole of his pay ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I suppose so."

Police

Appointment of Adi-Dravidas of Malabar in the Police department.

*1838 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that no Adi-Dravida from Malabar has been given any post under the Police department; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravidas of Malabar have requested the Commissioner of Labour to appoint some of them as Police constables and if so what the Government have done in the matter?

A.—(a) The Government have no information; they have called for it.
(b) The Government have no information.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" With reference to clause (b) will the Government be pleased to call for the information and supply it to the Members of this House ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall call for the information."

Forests

Stock of agricultural implements in depots in Kurnool.

*1839 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the stocks of the following agricultural implements were on the 31st of December 1927 in every one of the depots the Government has

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established in the three Kurnool forest districts for the sale of such implements—ploughs, guntikadindly, nagatinoga, meditoka, kadimanu, dantedindlu, gortichekkalu, dantenagalu, guntikanagalu, dandechekkalu, bandinogalu; and

(b) what arrangements have been made to advertise to the people the existence of such depots and such stocks?

A. —(a) A statement showing the stock of agricultural implements on 31st December 1927 in the Government depots of Kurnool East and West divisions is appended.^a The Government are enquiring regarding the adequacy of the stocks. In the South Kurnool division Government depots deal only in timber. The fuel and pole coupes of this division from which agricultural implements are usually made are sold to contractors.

(b) In the East and West Kurnool divisions the existence of the depots, the details of the stock available in them and the selling rates are advertised every year in the District Gazette. In the South Kurnool division the fact that contractors are bound to sell agricultural implements to the local people is published in the sale notice in one or more issues of the District Gazette.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know what is the number of the private subscribers for the district gazette? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ Notice, Sir.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Have the Government tried to advertise the fact in the villages by beat of tom-tom? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ I have no information.”

Auction of fuel in Tiruvannamalai reserve forest.

* 1840 Q.—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that till the year 1926-27 in the Tiruvannamalai reserve forest the coupes were customarily auctioned separately ;

(b) whether by that arrangement even the poor villagers were enabled to bid and then sell fuel at Rs. 4-4-0 or Rs. 4-8-0 a bandy ;

(c) whether this year the auction was held for the whole forest in the taluk and not by coupes which prevented the villagers from bidding and whether thereby the fuel concern was monopolized by one or two individuals, mostly townspeople, and the fuel was sold at two centres only at Rs. 6 and Rs. 6-4-0 per bandy ;

(d) whether the Government propose to continue the old practice of auctioning fuel by coupes ; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons for not doing so ?

A.—(a) From 1922-23 to 1926-27 all the fuel coupes of the Tiruvannamalai Range except one were sold in one lot.

(b) As the coupes were not auctioned separately for a considerable period up to 1926-27, this question does not arise.